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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph with the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" (which was added via the Preliminary Amendment dated October 30, 2003) with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/524,200, filed March 13, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,684,245, which is a divisional of Serial No. ~~09/835,261~~ 08/835,261, filed April 8, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,073,169, issued June 6, 2000.

Please replace the current title "BROADCAST TECHNOLOGY FOR AN AUTOMATIC METER READING SYSTEM" with the following new title:

AUTOMATIC METER READING SYSTEM EMPLOYING COMMON
BROADCAST COMMAND CHANNEL